

# TEMPLE BETH EL

309 NORTH MAIN ST, FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS



98th Year

December 2025/January 2026

Kislev/Tevet/Shevat

No. 4

## Regular Service Schedule - In Person and Via Zoom

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday - On Zoom Only).....8:00 am  
 Friday Evening Services .....5:30 pm  
 Shabbat Morning Services.....10:00 am

Shalom TBE Members,

Here's an update on our High Street Sale, Cemetery, and UC building activities. Feel free to send any questions to the Temple email. I'll gladly respond.

### **High Street Sale - Base Price \$430,100, TBE Net \$370,000, Closing in Jan 2026**

On Thursday, December 11th, we had an All Members Meeting. Approximately 25 people participated in person and via Zoom. The meeting covered 2 motions related to the selling of High Street to a buyer who has made a firm legal offer. Both Motions passed. The offer is from Biwas LLC (a Fall River Developer). The price is \$430,100. After commissions and closing costs, TBE will net approximately \$370,000.

Based on the directives of the two motions, Rick Schwartz, President, will likely have signed a PURCHASE & SALE agreement on or before Friday, December 20th. We anticipate the legal closing in late January 2026 or early February 2026.

For those local to TBE, Biwas LLC is the developer building Town Houses directly across the street from the TBE main entrance on High Street. (The former Oppenheimer building). We do not know what their plans are for the complex.

### **Operating at the Unitarian Church Building (aka UC) on Main Street in Fall River.**

- We have now been operating at UC for a month. It is going quite well. Those who have visited the site have been quite complimentary. Since my last update to you we have implemented the following:
- Rick had a contractor update the ark with a velvet liner and special holding brackets to make the interior feel more Judaic.
- Set up the large TV on a rolling cart to support showing "Sunday Movies" anywhere in the building.
- Installed security sensors and cameras to monitor the site.
- Had our 1st Board & Members meeting at UC
- Libby Cohen has served food/snacks on-site. All items are kept in "Libby's Closet" and "Libby's Fridge"

**Of special note:** To keep in the spirit of SHARING the building with UC participants, we have to set up the UC Sanctuary for TBE services every Friday afternoon, and put everything away every Saturday afternoon; allowing it to be ready for UC congregation usage Sunday morning. This includes, rolling a portable pulpit, bringing out the tallit cart, setting up Torah and prayer books, setting up Laptop & Display, etc. This process takes about 45 min to set up and 45 minutes to put away.

**Our Congregant & Vice President Carleen Makowski does all of this every week. We are indebted to her for all her efforts. If you see Carleen, please thank her for this tremendous effort.**

### **We are missing one final improvement - Participation.**

We typically have 10-15 participants at services. and 2-3 at Hebrew classes. We miss you! Please come join the activities, if not in person, then on Zoom.

### **TBE Cemetery**

As mentioned in previous bulletins, the Cemetery has been legally separated from the "synagogue" for a few months already. We continue with the legal processes required for this action. Our goal is to finish all legal actions by June 2026. In January 2026 we will submit form IRS-1024 requesting 501(c)(13) "Religious Cemetery" status for TBE cemetery. Previously this was covered under the umbrella of TBE. Now that the Cemetery is separate we have to file a unique submission. The last step is formally adopting new By-Laws. The Cemetery Board met in person with our lawyer to create a working draft. In January we will adopt the final formal By-Laws.

Finally, in June 2026 we will submit IRS-990 for the Special Project Fund (large fund that helps support the cemetery) under the new Cemetery entity instead of the prior TBE entity.

I hope you have a Joyous Chanukah,

Leonard Lehrer,  
 Treasurer

A message from our Spiritual Leader,  
Rabbi Mark Elber

*She'heh'kheyanu, V'kiy'manu,  
V'higi'anu Lazman Hazeh*

The month of November had us holding our first services at our new location. On November 11th, we held a small procession of four Torah scrolls to their new home accompanied by recordings of klezmer music. Some members of the Unitarian Church community joined us at the ceremony. The Unitarian Church community has been very warm and welcoming to us. The transition to our new home has been quite seamless thanks to the many hours of hard work by Libby Cohen, Leonard Lehrer, Carleen Makowski, and Rick Schwartz. We can't thank them enough.

Attendance at our services at 309 North Main Street has been at least equal to what it was at Temple Beth El. Those who attended were all struck by the openness of the space and its natural light, both of which contribute to the feeling of welcomeness in our new home. As I've said on several occasions now, however welcoming and/or beautiful a space may be, what matters most is the community of people who participate in it. We are investing in the future of the Jewish community in the greater Fall River area. I'm very grateful that we have found ourselves in a situation which very much fits the needs of our community as it is currently constituted. I have not given up hope, however, that over time the commuter railroad may enlarge, to some degree, the Jewish community here.

Maybe the best-known sage in the Talmud was Rabbi Akiva who lived from 50 CE to 135 CE. He originally was a shepherd who was not at all learned in the Torah. However, his wife, Rachel, encouraged him to study Torah and he began his studies at the age of forty, leaving home to devote himself to learning. Among his mentors was Nakhum Ish Gamzu who was so called because of a phrase he was wont to use: "*Gam zu l'tova*" (this too is for the good). Nakhum Ish Gamzu always looked for, and found, a "silver lining" in whatever happened. He was able to be grateful for the good he could find in whatever circumstance. That's how I feel about our relocation. It was an emotionally difficult transition, but there's a big silver lining – the long-term endurance of our community.

Our tradition fosters a great deal of gratitude in its practices. The first words we're supposed to say when we awake in the morning are: *modeh/modah ani* (I am grateful)... basically for the gift of another day of life. Another major expression of gratitude that is fundamental to the Jewish tradition is the making of *brakhot* (blessings). *Brakhot* are made over many different things: over the food we eat, for example. There are specific *brakhot* for fruits, vegetables, grains, bread, wine, and foods and drinks that don't fit any of these categories. There are *brakhot* made when seeing certain natural phenomena such as a rainbow or the ocean, or a person of great Torah knowledge, or of great worldly learning.

There are basically two categories of blessings: those over something that is a mitzvah and those over something that is not a mitzvah. Every *brakha* (singular for "blessing") begins with the same six words that start with *barukh* ("blessed" or "praised") and end with *melekh ha'olam* (sovereign of the universe). After those first six words we say something specific over the thing we are expressing our gratitude for, such as: "who creates the fruit of the vine" or "who brings forth bread from the earth," or "who remembers the covenant" (when seeing a rainbow – referring back to the covenant with Noah whose sign was the rainbow). However, when we are reciting a *brakha* before performing a mitzvah we add four more words (*asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu* – who sanctified us with the mitzvot and commanded us, or gave us the mitzvah, which we then name). For example, it's not a mitzvah to eat bread, but it is a mitzvah to eat matzah on Passover. If you eat matzah during the year, you just recite the *brakha* over bread (referred to as the "*motzi*" or "*hamotzi*"). However, when you eat matzah on Passover you use the ten-word formula ending with "*v'tzivanu*" and add *al* (regarding) *akhilat* (the eating of) *matzah*.

There's a tradition mentioned in the Talmud (Tractate Menachot 43b) which says that we should offer one hundred *brakhot* a day. It cites Deuteronomy 10:12 as the source of this custom which says: "And now, Israel, what (*mah*) does the Eternal One, your G'd, ask of you ..." and the Talmudic passage goes on to say don't read the word as *mah* (what), but as *me'ah* (one hundred) i.e. the Eternal One asks of us to be hyper-aware of all the blessings in our lives, so many of which it is too easy to take for granted until we no longer have them.

There is a specific *brakha* that I'm sure you're all familiar with, that is particularly appropriate for the dramatic change that we, as a congregation, are going through. It is the one referred to as the *sheh'heh'kheyanu* (who has given us life). It continues with the following words: *v'kiy'manu* (and has sustained us) *v'higi'anu* (and brought us) *laz'man hazeh* (to this moment). Whenever we do something new or for the first time that year, we traditionally make a *sheh'heh'kheyanu* articulating our gratitude for having reached this moment in our lives. For example, the first night on which we light the Chanukah candles, the third *brakha* we make is the *sheh'heh'khiyanu*. On all subsequent nights we leave that *brakha* out.

I think this practice of reciting *brakhot* throughout each day can help cultivate not only a sense of gratitude but also make us particularly sensitive to the many blessings in our lives. I think it can also develop a spiritual sensibility that helps us perceive beyond the surface level of this physical existence. The great English poet, William Blake (1757-1827), expressed this state of consciousness beautifully in the following words: "To see a world in a grain of sand / And a heaven in a wild flower / Hold infinity in the palm of your hand / And eternity in an hour."

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, and Illuminating Chanukah.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

What a roller coaster ride we have been on!

When we were informed that our tenants, People Incorporated, were finally planning to move their preschool into their new location on Weaver Street, we knew it was time to finally find a new, affordable location to meet for services and celebrations that was also appropriate to the current size of our congregation. We couldn't put it off any longer, and spent many hours planning our future.

We started by looking for a new home. We looked at homes that were on the market, a tiny church-turned-dental office, and an assortment of commercial properties, when Shoshana suggested that we should speak to Unitarians on North Main Street. After meeting with them we quickly realized that moving in with the Unitarians was the best option we had- by far. At the time we were thinking that even if it was only a short-term solution it would give us the necessary time to figure out what to do about the Temple complex. Also, unlike most other choices, we wouldn't have to do many costly renovations there. And our clergy, Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana, are delighted that they are still in walking distance of their home. It just seemed right.

Then things really started happening. After taking an expansive inventory we began the Herculean task of trying to determine what to do with all the "stuff" we couldn't bring to our new home. None of us could believe how many books we had, and tablecloths, and dishes!

Our biggest hurdle has been figuring out what to do with the Temple complex. We have given tours to over fifteen prospective buyers, all developers, and listened to some who wanted to revive the complex as well as several others with ideas/dreams. The sanctuary is beautiful, but the new owners will have to spend a lot of money to bring the complex up to code and remove what is now considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of in a far more costly manner than building materials like wood and stone. Plus with all the leaks we have had to deal with we know there is mold and mildew rampant in the basement, and doubtless in other places as well.

The TBE Executive Board; Leonard, Carleen, Libby and myself, with Cantor Shoshana and Rabbi Mark, Marie, Henry and others have spent hours in the prep and move with many thanks to all the others who have chipped in.

The future is looking better as each day passes. The roller coastal ride is ending and bringing us to a great new beginning.

My thanks to all of you, including those of you who attended the recent Special Meeting to vote on accepting an offer on the Temple complex.

*Rick Schwartz*  
*President*

*Sisterhood President's Message*

As I was preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving, I was reminded of how very much there is to be thankful for. Notwithstanding, family, friends, and good health, the very fact that we have successfully settled into our new location at the Unitarian Church. Those of you that have not had a chance to visit our new home, I suggest you make it a point to drop in and join us for a Friday night Shabbat service or a Saturday morning service. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

December will be a very busy month. First and foremost, the Rabbi and Cantor will be hosting their annual Chanukah party on Sunday, December 21st. Reservations are a must. This is the only way they can properly plan for the event. Secondly there will be a "Make a Minyan" on Saturday, December 27th. A light lunch will be served following the service. This is a good time to socialize, and get to know each other better. Please make every attempt to attend these functions.

I want to reiterate how important it is to watch your e-mail. Make sure to open them in a timely manner. Marie does a stellar job keeping us informed with the latest news as it happens.

So until next month, stay safe and healthy.

*Libby Cohen*  
*Sisterhood President*

***High Holiday Flower Fund***

*Due to a layout error in the November bulletin, Beverly Solup's name was mistakenly left off the list of donors for the High Holidays Flower Fund. Our apologies!*

**NO BULLETIN IN JANUARY!**

Please note there will not be a bulletin in January, so this edition has the December and January Yahrzeits, as well as the December and January service schedules. Please keep an eye out for emails with updates!

**LEADERSHIP**

|                         |                  |
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| Mark Elber.....         | Rabbi            |
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| Leonard Lehrer.....     | Treasurer        |
| Libby Cohen.....        | Sisterhood Pres. |
| William E. Kaufman..... | Rabbi Emeritus   |

## Service Schedule

### December 2025 & January 2026 Kislev/Tevet/Shevat 5786

#### Friday, December 5 (15 Kislev)

|                 |         |
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| Candle Lighting | 3:56 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, December 6 (16 Kislev)

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| Weekly Portion: Vayishlach | 10:00 am |
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#### Friday, December 12 (22 Kislev)

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| Candle Lighting | 3:56 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, December 13 (23 Kislev)

|                          |          |
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| Weekly Portion: Vayeshev | 10:00 am |
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#### Sunday, December 14 (24 Kislev)

Erev Chanukah  
Light 1st Chanukah candle in the evening

#### Monday, December 15 (25 Kislev)

Chanukah - First Day  
Light 2nd Chanukah candle

#### Tuesday, December 16 (26 Kislev)

Chanukah – Second Day  
Light 3rd Chanukah candle

#### Wednesday, December 17 (27 Kislev)

Chanukah – Third Day  
Light 4th Chanukah candle

#### Thursday, December 18 (28 Kislev)

Chanukah – Fourth Day  
Light 5th Chanukah candle

#### Friday, December 19 (29 Kislev)

|                                                  |         |
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| Chanukah – Fifth Day                             |         |
| Light 6th Chanukah candle before Shabbat candles |         |
| Candle Lighting                                  | 3:59 pm |
| Shabbat Service                                  | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, December 20 (30 Kislev)

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Rosh Chodesh Tevet              |          |
| Chanukah – Sixth Day            |          |
| Weekly Portion: Miketz          | 10:00 am |
| Light 7th Chanukah candle after |          |
| Shabbat ends at 5:04 pm         |          |

#### Sunday, December 21 (1 Tevet)

Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
Chanukah – Seventh Day  
Light 8th Chanukah candle

#### Monday, December 22 (2 Tevet)

Chanukah – Eighth Day

#### Friday, December 26 (6 Tevet)

|                 |         |
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| Candle Lighting | 4:02 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, December 27 (7 Tevet)

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Weekly Portion: Vayigash | 10:00 am |
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#### Tuesday, December 30 (10 Tevet)

Fast of the 10th of Tevet

#### Friday, January 2 (13 Tevet)

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| Candle Lighting | 4:08 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, January 3 (14 Tevet)

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| Weekly Portion: Vayekhi | 10:00 am |
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#### Friday, January 9 (20 Tevet)

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| Candle Lighting | 4:15 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, January 10 (21 Tevet)

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| Weekly Portion: Shemot | 10:00 am |
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#### Friday, January 16 (27 Tevet)

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| Candle Lighting | 4:23 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, January 17 (28 Tevet)

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| Weekly Portion: Va'era | 10:00 am |
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#### Monday, January 19 (1 Shevat)

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

#### Friday, January 23 (5 Shevat)

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| Candle Lighting | 4:31 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, January 24 (6 Shevat)

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| Weekly Portion: Bo | 10:00 am |
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#### Friday, January 30 (12 Shevat)

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| Candle Lighting | 4:40 pm |
| Shabbat Service | 5:30 pm |

#### Saturday, January 31 (13 Shevat)

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| Shabbat Shirah            |          |
| Weekly Portion: B'shalakh | 10:00 am |

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### TBE News & Notes from Cantor Shoshana

As I'm sure most of you know by now, our move to our **new home** at the Unitarian Church of Fall River (their official name) at 309 North Main St. was recently completed. We celebrated by gathering to welcome four of our TBE Torah scrolls into our new space on Tuesday, November 11th. We sang, danced, and shared coffee and cake with our Unitarian Universalist (UU) hosts. It was a wonderful way to inaugurate our new Jewish space!

**Many thanks** to all of you who showed up, to our UU hosts who joined us, and especially to **Rick Schwartz** and **Leonard Lehrer** who made sure that we now have a new ark that will fit in the new space and hold our Torah scrolls. I also want to thank **Carleen Makowski** who does the necessary set up for our services there every Friday morning, and to **Libby Cohen** and **Elaine Weiss** who have made sure that our repasts were ready, both on November 11th, and for our most recent **Make a Minyan** on November 22nd, which was quite well-attended. Let's keep up the momentum!

And speaking of "repasts," there were so many requests for the recipe for my "**Mom's Apple Cake**" that it is being included in this bulletin. See the back cover for the recipe.

Our annual **Chanukah party** will be held on Sunday, December 21st: Once again, we are planning to hold the TBE Chanukah party at Rabbi Mark's and my home on Walnut St (provided that no one gets COVID this year!). It will begin at 4 PM. **Please RSVP to Marie at the TBE office by December 17th.**

Our next **Make a Minyan** will be on **Saturday, December 27th**, followed by a Kiddush luncheon. We hope you can make it!

**Head's Up for January:** A local civic/interfaith organization that meets at the Unitarian Church has asked **TBE, along with the UC in Fall River, to co-host a community pot-luck luncheon on Martin Luther King Day.** Anyone can attend, but our special guests will be the congregation of the **Bethel AME Church.** The luncheon will follow their special service which they hold every year following the MLK Breakfast and Program at BCC. **The lunch is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm on that day – Monday, January 19th at UC.**

Due to the delicacy of our issues with keeping kosher at a not-exclusively Jewish community event,

I have advised the organizers that those of us from TBE who come will bring fresh salad (with kosher salad dressings), fresh fruit and/or bread or pastries that have rabbinic supervision (a kosher certification).

Many longtime members of our community have spoken to me with pride about how involved the TBE community had been in the past with the overall interfaith community in the Fall River area. It has been awhile since we have kept up this tradition. I hope that we have a good representation from our TBE community- please join us!

### **CHANUKAH PARTY**

Our TBE Chanukah party will take place this year on Sunday, December 21 at 4 PM at the Brown/Elber home on Walnut Street.

Dinner, dessert, candle-lighting, music, and general frivolity! Don't miss it! (Please RSVP to Marie by December 17 so we have an idea of how much food and seating we will need.)

The picture below is from another TBE Chanukah party at our home.



### *Make a Minyan*

Please plan to join us for our upcoming "Make a Minyan" Shabbat service. The service starts at 10 am at UC and on Zoom. The Torah reading will begin at approximately 11 am, so please be sure to be there by then. The service will be followed by a Kiddush luncheon. Please mark your calendars:

*December 27th at 10 am*  
*January 31st at 10 am*

*Thank you for your donations received by Dec. 10th*

### YAHREZEITS

For the yahrzeit of my beloved... Donated by:

|                              |                            |
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| Mother, Bessie Bolski        | Milton Bolski              |
| Mother, Bessie Bolski        | Norm Bolski                |
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### CAPITAL FUND

In memory of our beloved parents, Rose & George Kessler

Sylvia Eisner & Donald Kessler

In memory of Anita Redlich

Anita & Norm Bolski

In memory of Scott Sokoll

Beverly Sokoll

### IDA & DAVID CHAVENSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For the yahrzeit of my beloved grandmother, Sadie E. Smith

Barbara Udovin

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES RETURNS!

When: Sunday, January 11th at, **3 PM** (*note new time!*)

Where: Our new location at 309 N. Main St, in the nice, warm social hall.

This film, "*All the Way*" is not exactly a "Jewish" film; rather it is a historical film related to our struggle for civil rights in the US; a struggle that Jews were very much involved in, and I thought it would be appropriate for this season when we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*All the Way* is a 2016 HBO docudrama about President Lyndon B. Johnson's tumultuous first year in office, beginning with the assassination of JFK in 1963. The film focuses on his fight to pass the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. The film depicts the intense opposition, particularly from Southern Democrats like Senator Richard Russell, as well as the role of figures like Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Hubert Humphrey. Director: Frank Roach; (2016). Running time: 2 hrs., 12 minutes.

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday - Friday, 9 am to Noon

### OFFICE CLOSED:

Please note that the office will be operated remotely for the first three weeks of January. Email and voicemails will be monitored regularly, so please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Marie's neat and tidy new office...who knows if it will ever look this good again! It is small but comfortable, with room for Carleen and a parking spot right outside the door. Life is good!

## Fall River United Jewish Appeal, Inc.

309 North Main St, Fall River, MA 02720

Tel: (508) 673-7791

Email (NEW!): [fallriveruja@gmail.com](mailto:fallriveruja@gmail.com)

Friendly Visitor: Arleen Bor is ready, willing and able to visit the sick or shut-ins. Please call the UJA office at (508) 673-7791 to schedule a visit.

## Martin Luther King Day Community Luncheon

TBE, along with the Unitarian Church in Fall River, is co-hosting community pot-luck luncheon on Martin Luther King Day.

The lunch is scheduled to begin at **1:30 pm on Monday, January 19th** at the Unitarian Church, 309 North Main St in Fall River.

For more information please see Cantor Shoshana's "News & Notes" column on page 5.

## DECEMBER & JANUARY YAHREZEITS

12/2/2025 12 Kislev 5786  
Sadie Katersky

12/3/2025 13 Kislev 5786  
David Cohen  
Ruth Levin

12/4/2025 14 Kislev 5786  
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12/7/2025 17 Kislev 5786  
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12/10/2025 20 Kislev 5786  
James Sobiloff

12/11/2025 21 Kislev 5786  
Edith Gold

12/12/2025 22 Kislev 5786  
Hummy Chebot  
Barry Novek  
Daniel Schafler

12/13/2025 23 Kislev 5786  
Alice Helfanbein  
Elizabeth Beryl Waksler  
Donna Ann Wolfson

12/14/2025 24 Kislev 5786  
Judy Berg

12/16/2025 26 Kislev 5786  
Henry William Juda  
Phyllis Nerenberg  
Samuel Rotenberg

12/17/2025 27 Kislev 5786  
Herbert Fleisher  
Shirley Resnick

12/18/2025 28 Kislev 5786  
David Kotlen  
Bernard Miller

12/19/2025 29 Kislev 5786  
Robert Lipson

12/20/2025 30 Kislev 5786  
Rose Tallman

12/22/2025 2 Tevet 5786  
Sidney Fox

12/23/2025 3 Tevet 5786  
William Gittelman  
Milton Elis Raffel

12/24/2025 4 Tevet 5786  
Isaac Schwartz

12/25/2025 5 Tevet 5786  
Sonja Calman

12/27/2025 7 Tevet 5786  
Dr. Myron Rubinstein  
Selma Sokoll

12/28/2025 8 Tevet 5786  
Howard Krasnow

12/30/2025 10 Tevet 5786  
Arthur Granovsky  
Mathilda H. Raffel

12/31/2025 11 Tevet 5786  
Arline Alpert  
Robert Sokoll

1/1/2026 12 Tevet 5786  
Sylvia Schneider

1/2/2026 13 Tevet 5786  
Paula E. Shuman  
Maurice Sludsky

1/3/2026 14 Tevet 5786  
Nathan Silk

1/5/2026 16 Tevet 5786  
Herman Gitlin  
Bessie Gladstone  
Frank Kosofsky  
David Thaler

1/6/2026 17 Tevet 5786  
Sophie Cohen  
Louis M. Raffel

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Harry Spiro  
Murray Taradash

1/8/2026 19 Tevet 5786  
Dr. Samuel Sandler

1/9/2026 20 Tevet 5786  
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Anna Ellison Schaffer  
Akiba Yanowitz

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Sheila Holtzman

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Victor Field  
Paula Fox

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Betty Greenberg

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## SHOSHANA'S MOM'S APPLE CAKE

You will need:

350°

- 3 or 4 apples (chopped, to 3 cups - I like McIntosh)
- 1 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)
- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar (preferably turbinado)
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3 tsps. cinnamon
- 2 tsps. vanilla

Sift together flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder (I just stir them together with a whisk). Next, add cinnamon and sugar. After that, add beaten eggs, oil, and vanilla. Mix by hand. Dough will be stiff. Add chopped apples and nuts. Spoon into greased tube or Bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees for an hour and 15 min's (or more – until you can stick in a knife and it comes out clean). Cool before you try to take it out of the pan. Enjoy!! That's me holding an apple cake at a previous TBE Chanukah party!



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